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**NOTICE:  
Rodent Activity**

To Whom It May Concern,

You are receiving this notice because rodent activity has been observed in your neighborhood. The Town of Arlington is working to reduce our rodent population by tracking and monitoring rodent sightings and treating public areas of concern. As a resident or property owner in Arlington, **we need your help to reduce rodent activity in our community**. Below are suggested actions to take to help decrease the rodent activity in your neighborhood.

**1. Practice proper trash disposal**

- Place all food scraps and rubbish items in a plastic bag before placing in your outside bin
- Ensure dumpster lids and side doors are closed after disposing of your trash
- Never leave trash bags next to or on top of the dumpsters
- Clean food from recyclables before placing them in the recycling bin

**2. Remove food and water sources**

- Do not leave pet food or water dishes outside. Clean up pet waste frequently.

**3. Maintain your property free of rodent hiding places**

- Keep your yard clean and free of clutter, including unused building materials.
- Trim and maintain your grass and shrubbery regularly.
- Store items away from foundations as they may provide a protected runway for rodents.
- Inspect your foundation to ensure it is free of holes and other rodent entry points.

**4. Avoid feeding birds or other wild animals**

- Birdfeeders provide an easy food source to rodents and wildlife.

**4. Notify your property management company of any rodent activity**

- Look for signs of rodent activity, including: burrows, gnaw marks, droppings, etc.

While it's impossible for our densely developed community to completely remove all wildlife, there are steps everyone can take to reduce rodent activity. You may visit our website at [www.arlingtonma.gov/rodents](http://www.arlingtonma.gov/rodents) for more information.

**Rodent control is a community-wide issue that requires a community-wide solution!**